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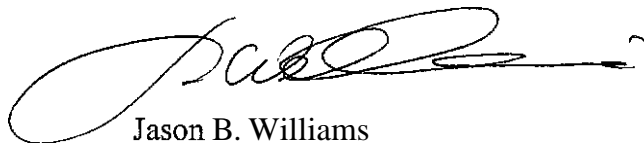
RE: Range Telephone Cooperative Inc.'s Petition for Waiver of the Commission's
Universal Service Rules. CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, April 13, 2007, Rob Stephens, CFO of Range Telephone Cooperative and I met with Renee Crittendon, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss Range's Petition for waiver in the above captioned matter. Range advocated that it failed to timely file certain line count data with USAC per FCC rules because USAC had repeatedly assured Range that such information had already been filed. It was only after Range failed to receive payments for the time period in question and after it again had contacted USAC that USAC informed Range that USAC did not in fact have all of the necessary information. Further, Range advocated that special circumstances exist to grant its waiver request as Range is the only provider of broadband services within the Forsyth, Montana exchange. Granting Range's waiver request is in the public interest because Range's receipt of universal service funds for the time period in question will accelerate Range's deployment of broadband facilities to consumers in the Forsyth exchange.

Sincerely,

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